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Applicant(s): MITTELSTADT et al.)	Group Art Unit:	3743
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For: RESPIRATOR VALVE)		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 13 August 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 15. Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

1. (Once Amended) A unidirectional valve comprising:
- a valve body including a frame, a valve opening through the frame, and a valve seat extending from the frame and at least partially surrounding the valve opening; and
 - a valve flap having a first portion attached to the frame and an adjacent second portion free to move from a first position where the second portion is in contact with at least a part of the valve seat to a second position where at least part of the second portion is spaced from the valve